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6 WHEREAS, Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinners, an all-volunteer organization, has fed
7 the community of San Francisco on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter since 1974; and

8 WHEREAS, Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinners began as the Gay Community Holiday
9 Dinners by Perry Spink (AKA Tenderloin Tessie) who thawed frozen turkeys in a bathtub to
10 serve community members in need; and

11 WHEREAS; Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinners welcome all members of the
12 community-- families with children, elderly, poor, rich, transient, and familiar faces, gay,
13 lesbian, bisexual, transgender, straight, black, white, all nationalities, and those with AIDS and
14 other disabilities, and turns no one away; and

15 WHEREAS; Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinners work hard to prepare a welcoming, hot
16 dinner in a friendly, family environment and guarantees that anyone and everyone that
17 attends is guaranteed at least one dinner, a gift bag and respect; and

18 WHEREAS; Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinners average a thousand guests each
19 holiday with a sit-down affair, serving ham, turkey, salads, bread, vegetables, yams, potatoes
20 stuffing, dessert, beverage and coffee; and

21 WHEREAS; Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinners provide gift bags with snacks, juice,
22 soda, an energy bar, candy and toiletries as well as special gifts for the children that attend;
23 now, therefore be it
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1 RESOLVED; That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors and commends
2 Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinners for creating warm family dinners for those in need during
3 the holiday season for thirty years.

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